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Andrew J. Murphy, son of Mary Wynn Tinley Murphy Ward, stepson of Bryan Ward fought in the battle in Civil War. Killed in Battle of Resaca, Georgia in 1864.

text follows---

January 4, 1863
Shelbyville, Tennessee

Dear and Beloved Mother

As Mr. Dice is about starting home, I thought it best to write you a few lines. Our Armis is falling back to Tullahoma to recruit up. I suppose our boys have suffered immenslely, We have been lying in line of battle for 8 or 9 days. We fought on the 31st day of Dec. Our left and senter was all that was engaged. We drove them back from 5 to 7 miles with the terribles and slaughter, my eyes ever beheld. I think the loss of the enemy will nos. in killed and wounded some 8 or 10 thousand. We took 6 or 7 thousand prisoners. I cna't tell how many other troops suffer but our Regiment. We lost and killed and wounded 250 or 300 men. Our Colonel was killed and nearly all the officers of the Regiment. I believe we have 7 or 8 of them left. Col. Anderson was not hurt neither was Capt. Burford. Lieut. Kirby was killed and several other Burford company. Tell Mr. Kirby Marshall is all safe after praying strongly and the day pretty well. I was shot through the thigh with a minnie ball, though did not stop for it some 30 or 40 minutes afterwards

I was struck on the hip with a piece of shell which knocked me down and bruised up my hip, very much though I can walk about a little with the aid of my stick. Can't ride on horse back. Dear Mother don't suffer and worry about me for I am doing very well. I think I will get well in a short while with proper care and managements. Tell Uncle Bryan I still have both of my horses the horse is not quite sufficient order to sell. I have been offered \$450.00 dollars for him by 4 men. I think one of those men will be very willing to give five hundred dollars for him. I never saw the like of horses killed in my life. We captured forty seven pieces of fine Artillery all of which we got off the field and small Armies I could not tell, a great deal of other valuable property 3 or 4 hundred wagons and teams. Tell Uncle Bryan I will write to him by the first opportunity. Give my best respects top all of our family and inquiry friends. I will try and come after while as soon as the Army gets up and settled. May the Lord bless you all is my sincere prayer. I will remain your affectionate son.

A. J. Murphy

I would have written more but this is all the paper I have got.

Notation on envelope: Mrs. Mary W. Ward, at home. By the pocatalige of Mr. Dice.

This is a copy of letter Mrs. Waller sent explaining the letter.

Monday 6:40 A.M.
September 27, 1993

Dear George and wife

I have thought about writing theis letter you asked for several times so getting out the Trousdale County History Book made me think of it. I have copied it for you. I notice in family hisory by his cousin that Andrew J. Murphy died at the age of 28- And he was born April 29, 1836 so I will say he died in 1864. Another cousin wrote to me he died in the battle of (Resaca)

.If you notice in the letter of Andrew J. Murphy. He calls my great grandfather Uncle Bryan. His Mother- Mary Tinley Murphy Ward was a niece of his first wife Mary Wynn. When she died she place the hand of her niece in the hand of Bryan Ward and asked him to marry her and help take of her 3 small children, Andrew J., John and Fannie Murphy. She was a very young widow and my great grand father was well in his 60's. He did marry her and then my grandfather James Bryan called (Jimmy) Ward was born in 1850 and died in 1886. Only 36 years. My Daddy Hubert N. Ward used the name with a T- Bryant in our spelling. But on old deeds in Smith County--I find the spelling Bryant and sometimes Bryan. The same man though. Come back to see me anytime. Will be glad to share my articles. I will get my things this winter and run off some things for you.

love Francis W. Waller

note added: Bryan ward is the brother of Lottie Ward Denny- who is Billy Stone (your great grandfather) own grandmother.



Mr. George Stone
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Note : TENNESSEANS IN THE CIVIL WAR lists A. J. Murphy, AQM,
I Company, 8th Tennessee Infantry.

This company was formed from Smith County, Tennessee.
Regimental officers were Colonel Anderson, Captain William G.
Buford commanded I company of the 8th Tennessee Infantry.

Material found in the Cobb County Library, Marietta, GA on
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1. Data from CONFEDERATE VETERANS INTERRED IN THE CONFEDERATE
CEMETARY, MARIETTA, GEORGIA By Larry O. Blair and Thomas E. Lyle.
8th Tennessee Infantry Burials
Dice, J. Co. A.

2. Data from Volume 22, JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
surgeons assigned to the 8th Tennessee Infantry.

John W. Collins-Jan. 3, 1863 and March 31, 1864

S.E.H. Dances-Dec. 31, 1862, Oct. 31, 1863 and Nov. 30, 1863
to April 30, 1864

Death record from CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND CIVILIANS WHO
DIED AS PRISONERS OF WAR AT CAMP DOUGLAS, ILLINOIS 1862-1865
printed by Edward Gray Publications, P.O. Box 181, Kalamazoo,
Michigan 49005. This book is located in the Bedford County
Public Library in Shelbyville, TN

Burials for the 8th Tennessee Infantry are as follows:

The rank of all were privates.

name	co.	death date
Bartlett, Josh A.	K	Feb. 13, 1863
Brown, A.J.	F	Feb. 6, 1863
Brown, J.H.	F	Feb. 2, 1863
Doyle, Jas.	I	April 3, 1863
Graham, W.C.	H	March 9, 1863
Hudson, W.C.	I	March 31, 1863
Page, Daniel	A	Oct. 18, 1864
Stone, J.M.	H	March 22, 1863
Webb, Geo.	D	Feb. 23, 1863